

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Laurence "Mickey" Finn, an esteemed resident of North Kansas City, Missouri, who is to be commended for the numerous contributions he has made to the betterment of his community; and

Whereas, Mickey Finn has been active in North Kansas City for more than fifty-five years, during which time he has been diligent in his efforts to make North Kansas City a wonderful place to live and work; and

Whereas, the owner of The Joe Falk Toy Store in the late 1940s, Mickey Finn went to work for the North Kansas City Development Company supervising the retail division, and was responsible for startup projects including "Thru the Looking Glass", "Queen of Hearts Boutiques", and "Cabbages and Kings Gift Emporium"; and

Whereas, Mickey Finn also served as Manager of the North Kansas City Pro Bowl and the Rodeway Inn Motel and Restaurant, President of the Missouri State Bowling Association, and National Director of the Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA), a position through which he set up PWBA tournaments nationwide; and

Whereas, Mickey Finn purchased the North Kansas City Pro Bowl in 1988 and later established Finnigan's Banquet Hall, which is utilized today by many Northland organizations and families for banquets, dinners, and wedding receptions; and

Whereas, Mickey Finn sold the Pro Bowl in 1998 and went on to establish Mickey Finn Enterprises, a successful public relations firm; and

Whereas, active in the North Kansas City Business Council and the Northland Festivities Committee, Mickey Finn co-founded the Snake Saturday Parade, which has been an individual and family tradition in the Northland for thousands of people for the last twenty years:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Mickey Finn at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Laurence "Mickey" Finn.

Offered by _____
Representative Trent Skaggs
District No. 31

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 858, adopted March 1, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker